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SUSAN B. KIRBY

which deals with Sandwich Quarter & the Yearly Meeting

"3d. I give and bequeath all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate of whatever it may consist to the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, the income thereof to be used by them for the promotion of Gospel work within the limits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, of which meeting I am a member."

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Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Council at N.B.
9-20-1964

9/20/64 The New Bedford Monthly meeting on Ministry and Council at N.B. on 9th mo. 20th, 1964 —

After a few moments of silent worship Psa. 145:18 has been read, also readings from Quaker "Testimonies," by Fred'k B. Tolles, director of Friends historical library at Swarthmore College, and from "Going to Meeting," by Leonard S. Hemworthy, professor of educational at Brooklyn College and member of Lafayette Ave. Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved

Representatives appointed to attend Quarterly meeting held at Smith's Neck on 7th mo. 11th report that 2 attended.

Rep. to E. Sandwich 10-10 We appoint the following representatives for M. + C. in E. Sandwich, 10th mo. 10th. — Ida M. Mesner and Earle D. Wilson.

Letter of trans. from Edith R. Hanson. A letter of transfer for Edith R. Hanson from the Allen St. Meth. Church has been received. We are happy to have her unite with us.

Request of Edith H. Varin A letter of request to unite with us has been received from Edith H. Varin of N.Y. Her request has been granted and we welcome her into our membership. These requests are forwarded to the Monthly meeting and the necessary information, given to the recorder

Queries 1, 2 & 4 have been read.
No other business coming before us we conclude to meet in 12th month, the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mesner, Clerk

12-20-1964 Meeting canceled.

Because of a severe storm on 12th mo. 20th 1964 the Monthly meeting was canceled.

12-27-'64

On 12th mo. 27th, 1964 we gathered at the close of the morning ~~of the~~ worship service to name representatives to Q. meeting in N. B. on 1st. mo.

1-9-1965

9th, 1965, viz.—Bertha Pierce, Alice J. Latham, Hinson L. Howlett, Ida M. Mesner, Earle D. Wilson, Bessie H. Martin. All attended with two exceptions.

Ida M. Mesner, Clerk

1965

3-21-'65

At the meeting on Ministry and Council held 3d. mo. 21st, 1965

After silent meditation I Chron. 38:20 has been read. Minutes of the last meeting ~~has~~ have been read & approved.

Representatives appointed to attend M. & C. at N. B. Quarterly meeting in N. B. on 1st. mo. 9th, 1965 report that all attended with two exceptions.

Memorials
Julia H. Almy
Edith R. Hanson
Eliz. M. Tomkinson

Memorial tributes to Julia H. Almy and Edith R. Hanson of New Bedford Meeting have been read. also, one to Elizabeth May Tomkinson of Mattapoisett was presented by Earle D. Wilson. These will be

presented for approval & acceptance to the Monthly Meeting and will be kept on file.

Requests from Bertha Pierce, Henry D. Pierce Jr. Jacqueline Bennett

The following requests have been read: (1) from Bertha Pierce to have her name transfered from Long Plain to New Bedford Preparative Meeting; (2) from Henry D. Pierce Jr. to become an active member from associate; (3) from Jacqueline Bennett to unite in membership, coming in by convincement. These are approved by Ministry and Council and are to be forwarded to the Monthly meeting for action.

Representatives for 4-10-'65

We appoint the following persons to represent this meeting at M. & C. at the Quarterly meeting to be held in Central Village, Westport on 4th mo. 10th, 1965, viz: Ruth Martocci, Earle D. Wilson, Ida M. Mosher and Bertha Pierce.

Reports on the state of Society are to be written by Earle D. Wilson and Ida M. Mosher

Dan & Howard Mostrom - dropped by request

It is reported that Dan Mostrom, as well as Howard Mostrom, have asked to have their memberships discontinued. Howard Mostrom's request was by letter 4th mo. 7th, 1964; Dan Mostrom's " " " " 2d mo. 20th 1964

No other business coming before us we conclude to meet in 6th month, the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mosher, Clerk

6/13/65

At the meeting on Ministry and Council on 6th mo. 13th 1965 :— after a period of silent meditation an article in Plain Speech in Friends Life entitled "The Quaker Population" by Elton D. Trueblood has been read.

The minutes of the last meeting have been given and approved.

Representatives to P. meeting at Central Village report that all attended with one exception.

Representatives

We appoint the following to represent us at the next meeting on M. & C. to be held in West Falmouth 7th mo. 10th, 1965 viz. Ida M. Meserve and Earle D. Wilson.

Copies memorials sent

Copies of the memorials read at the last meeting have been sent to the families of the members who had left our midst to enter their Eternal home - viz - Julia H. Almy, Edith R. Hanson, and Elizabeth Tomkinson viz.

Ruth Mastocci to succeed Julia Almy as elder

A problem brought about by Ruth Mastocci relative to the recording in the minutes of her appointment as elder to fill the unexpired term of Julia Almy was freely discussed. At her request the following minute has been made. "Ruth Mastocci has asked if there was a minute recording her as an elder. She is unaware of this and asks if the clerk of M. & C. in the Quarterly Meeting ~~[illegible]~~ may be informed, for she has been named as a representative to Quarterly meeting and to Yearly meeting without the proper credentials." The clerk will inform Harry

Allen, clerk of M. & S. in Quarterly meeting of the situation.

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet at the call of the clerk, the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mesner, Clerk.

9/19/65 At the meeting on Ministry and Counsel on 9th mo. 19th 1965: Following a period of silent meditation a reading on Christian Attitudes in the Sept. issue of "Quaker Life" by Guilford Street has been given. Guilford Street is the beloved blind minister of Iowa Yearly Meeting. He will give the meditations through out the year in "Quaker Life".

Minutes approved Minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

M.& C. Representatives to So. Somerset Representatives to the Quarterly meeting in N. Falmouth report that they attended.

We appoint the following representatives to the next Quarterly meeting to be held in So. Somerset on 10th mo. 9th.: Earle D. Wilson and Ida M. Mesner. meeting on M. & S. at Ft.

Ruth Martocci, elder The matter of the appointment of Ruth M. Martocci to act as elder to finish out the term of Julia H. Almy has been given attention and she will serve in that capacity.

Queries The queries from the new Faith and Practice have been read

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet in 12th mo., the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mesner, Clerk.

12/26/65 (a week later than the regular time.)

At the meeting on Ministry and Counsel on 12th month 26th 1966, after a period of silent worship, scripture reading Matt. 5: 14-16, emphasizing "Ye are the light of the world" and a statement relative to the light by Robert Barclay have been read.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting at South Somerset report they attended.

Rep. to Q. mtg. at N.B. 1-8-1966

We appoint the following to represent us at the Quarterly meeting in N. B. on 1st mo. 8th 1966: Ida M. Mesner, Earle D. Wilson, Bertha Pierce, and Helen L. Ashley.

Elsie C. Frank's request for membership

A request has been read from Elsie Cora Frank to unite with us in membership. She has presented a statement of her beliefs and her preparation to become a member. This has been approved and recommended to be sent to the Monthly Meeting business session. She will be affiliated

Greetings — Eugene and Jean Coffin

Greetings have been read from Eugene and Jean Coffin of Friends United Meeting (5 years mtg.) -

Harold Myers + spec. meetings

A letter from Harold Myers of the Y.M. has been read. Plans are being made for special meetings to be held on M. 13.

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet on March, the Lord willing.

Ida M. Wisner, Clerk.

3/20/66

At the meeting on Thursday eve., 3rd mo. held 3d mo., 20th, 1966, a portion from the 3d chap. of Colossians vs. 12-17, was read. A period of silent meditation followed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

No representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting held in New Bedford, although a report that 2 attended and 2 were unable to attend.

Rep. to Q.M. mtg at Allen's Neck 4th mo. 7th

We appoint the following to represent us at the Q. meeting to be held at Allen's Neck on 4th mo. 7th: Helen A. Ashley, Ann K. Hixon, Ida M. Wisner.

Meetings planned by the Y.M. Com. on Meetings and Extension

The meetings planned by the Yearly Meeting committee on Meetings and Extension to be held on M. 13 did not materialize as W.S. Grandy thought the time of year with uncertain weather was not the best time for them.

State of Society

Reports on the state of Society for Long Plain, Westport, and New Bedford were then given —

appointed, Brief given to the Monthly Meeting for its approval before forwarding to the Q. Meeting.

We were happy to have Ernest Underwood present, & glad to have his report on the work and conference at Holman Hill recently. He enclosed discussion at that conference, - "Ministry to Families".

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet in eighth month, the 22nd inst.

Jan M. Wisner, Clerk

Prayer

The business meeting was opened by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. The reading was followed by vocal prayer and the reading from "The Lord's Prayer" written by Elton Trueblood; leading thoughts are: "Of the parts of the Gospel record there is one part of great significance that which relates to prayer. Here we find the Master teaching his followers the heart of genuine religion. And, Prayer is an experience of fine trust and loving obedience which elevates a modest life when truly related to the living God."

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The representation of [illegible] at the meeting on Feb. 4th at the Quarterly meeting held at [illegible] and the [illegible] attended.

Representatives to E. Haverhill 10/8/06

We appointed Ruth H. Martucci and Ida M. Wood as representatives to attend the next meeting on M. & E. at the Quarterly meeting to be held in E. Haverhill.

A report from the meeting on M. & E. at the Quarterly meeting at South Ryegate by Ruth Martucci. A census of the Society was given to them, and how to make the Quarterly meetings more interesting and effective was considered in all the meetings of the Society. The discussion is to be continued on the 2nd [illegible]

meeting following this meeting.

Query #1 has been read.

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet in 12th month, the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mason Clerk

12-18-64 The meeting on Ministry and Counsel held 12th mo. 18th, 1964 was opened by sentimeditation and the reading of a prayer by Robert Lincoln Stevens and words with Christmas thoughts.

Minutes read. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The representatives appointed to attend Quarterly meeting at E. Sandwich report that both attended.

Representatives for 1-17-65 We appoint the following representatives to attend the Quarterly meeting to be held in New Bedford on 1st mo. 14th, 1965 Ruth H. Wallace, Ruth H. Jones, Cynthia S. Gifford, Helen L. Ashley, Bertha Tilton, and Ida M. Mosher.

Report of last Quarterly meeting held at E. Sandwich was read given by Ruth Wallace. The proposal of the arrangements com. to try a new plan of holding our meetings through the rest of the year, to stimulate greater interest, has been discussed

and accepted - Notifications of the time will be sent later.

appointed to write the spir. life reports

Reports of the spiritual life of our Meetings will be brought in at our next M. & C. meeting - viz 1st 11th. Stephen for Wall - assisted Helen L. Ashley for Long Plain and Wm. M. Wesner for New Bedford -

Greetings from the J. M. Field, Sec, Louis L. Marshall, have been extended.

Greetings

Query # 2

Query # 2 has been read

No further business coming before us we adjourn to meet in 3d month, the Lord willing.

John M. Wesner, Clerk -

4-2-67

Because of inconveniences the meeting on M. & C. was changed until 4th mo. 2d.

The meeting on ministry and counsel held 4th mo. 2d, 1967, — "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call Him in truth" Psa. 145:18

A period of silent meditation opened the meeting

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved -

Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting in New Bedford in 1st mo. report

that all attended.

The Clerk has informed the 2 Meeting clerk on 11. & 6. that no one was able to attend the meeting on 11. & 6. in So. Somerset to-day

Reports — State of Soc. Reports of the state of society for the 11.13 Meeting and Long Plain have been given and passed on to the Monthly meeting.

Ralph Staples, minister of Wallingford meeting, because of a recent illness was not able to give his report for that Meeting

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet in 8th mo. the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mosher, Clerk

6-18-67 The meeting on Ministry and Counsel, 6th mo. 18th, 1967, — after a period of meditation, passages from a sermon written by Alexander Purdy on the beatitude "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled" have been read.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

New — Plan for 2 mtg. The representatives attended the meeting in So. Somerset on 4th mo. 2d. A new plan is being tried out for Quarterly meeting sessions; the

sessions this year

M. & C. to meet the Sem. before the Q. mtg at another Meeting House from where the Quarterly meeting will be held at its regular scheduled place. This effort is being made to try to create greater interest.

Represen-tatives to Matt.

Representatives appointed to attend M. & C. at Matlapoisett on 7th mo. 2d. at 1 P.M. are: Ida M. Mesner and Ruth H. Martocci.

Query #3 has been read.

No other business coming before us, we adjourn, to meet again at the call of the clerk, the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mesner, Clerk.

7th mo. 17th 1967

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel 7th mo. 17th, 1967, —

After a period of meditation a few verses on Unity were read from the 4th Chap. of Ephesians (Chap. 4: 1-7, 11-13) and Mr. Staples offered prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

Ruth H. Martocci and Ida M. Mesner

The representatives appointed to attend the meeting of Ministry and Counsel report that both attended. This meeting was held according to the new plan proposed by the arrangements committee concerning at one o'clock in Matlapoisett on 7th mo. 2d.

Represen-tatives to M. & C. in Matlapois-ett.

Representatives to M+C. at N.B. 9/8

We appoint the following Representatives to attend the next, 2nd, meeting to be held in New-Bedford at 1 p. m. on 10th. mo. 8th at one o' clock: Mr. Staples, Edna Borden, Ida M. Mesner, and Bertha Pierce.

Helen C. Trimble + Adeliza M. Stevens - received in to membership.

Letters have been received from Helen C. Winslow and Adeliza M. Stevens expressing a desire to unite in membership with the Monthly Meeting to be affiliated with the East Wallingford Particular Meeting. These are approved and will be passed on to the Monthly meeting for approval there. Psalm 133 2: was read: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Letter relative to a place in the E. Mattapoisett cemetery for lot 30 Acknowledgement

A letter relative to a place for burial in the E. Mattapoisett cemetery has been approved. Lot belongs to A. Lawton of Matthew Wing has applied for such a space. The request has been granted and has been referred to the trustees of the Meeting there, and they have been instructed to take care of the matter. A letter from the clerk will be sent to Lot owner of the approval.

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet in 12th mo., the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mesner, clerk.

12th-mo 17th. 1967

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

Meeting on Ministry and Council, 12th mo. 17th, 1967. — After a period of meditation, Lucy Jones read the gospel of St. Luke as her text telling of the angel's appearance to the shepherds. Hazel also read a Christmas statement from the writings of Henry Van Dyke, and a poem exhorting peace.

Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting at Swarthmore reported that none were able to attend.

Represent-atives to Q. mtg. in N.B.

We appoint the following to represent us at the Quarterly meeting to be held in N.B. on 1st mo. 13th, 1968 viz. Ida M. Mosher, Bertha Pierce, Cynthia J. Jones, and Ralph S. Staples

Spiritual life -

The following have been chosen to bring in to the benefit meeting reports on the spiritual condition of this Meeting: Ralph S. Staples for Nottingham; Helen Hickey for Long Plain; and Ida M. Mosher for Hartford.

Query #3 has been read.

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet at the call of the clerk, the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mosher, Clerk.

3d. mo. 17th 1968

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel 3rd mo. 17th 1968. — After a period of silent worship a scriptural message was read from the 145 Psalm verses 18 through 21 and portions of a leaflet by Howard Brinton on "The Spiritual Message of the Society of Friends."

The minutes of the last meeting ~~were~~ have been Read and approved.

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting held in New Bedford report that two attended; illness prevented the third from attending.

Rep. to Q. M. at Allen's Neck

We appoint the following representatives to attend the next Quarterly meeting to be held at Allen's Neck: Helen L. Ashley; Cynthia J. Sower; Ida M. Wesner.

Reports — Spiritual Life

Reports on the State of Society (Spiritual Life) have been given by Ralph S. Stafford, read by Dorothea Le Baron for Mattapoisett; Helen L. Ashley for Long Plain; and Ida M. Wesner for New Bedford.

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet at the call of the clerk.

Ida M. Wesner, Clerk.

6/23/68 Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, 6th mo. 23rd 1968, — After a period of silent meditation and a portion of scripture read from the 7th chap. of Matt., vs. 1-9 — the Minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

The representatives appointed to attend the meting on Ministry and Counsel held in Westport, report that none attended.

Representatives to M.+C. at Smith Neck

We appoint the following representatives to attend the next meeting to be held at Smith Neck on 7th mo. 21st are: Ida M. Mesner, Ruth H. Mastocci, and Helen L. Ashley

Query #3 has been read, also extracts from Faith and Practice suggested by the Yearly Meeting M.+C. taken from their minutes of a special meeting held on 11th mo, 11th, 1967.

No other business coming before us, we adjourn to meet at the call of the clerk, the Lord willing.

Ida M. Mesner Clerk

Approved 22 March 1970

Mar. 17, 1969.

The New Bedford Monthly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel was held at 2 p.m. March 17, 1969 at Spring Street Meeting House. There was a very small attendance. Owing to the absence of the Clerk, Ida M. Rowe, and at her request, Beatrice Lewis presided at the session.

The minute of the Spiritual Condition of the various meetings was read and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

There was some discussion of the problems of the Peace Committee and the increasing interest in Peace, Service activities as evidenced by the fast attended. All agreed such work and should attract more helpful time.

It was decided that no representative would be appointed to the Westerly Quarterly Meeting to be held on April 26th as it being felt that if any visiting was to be done, it should be at the time call for New Bedford.

No further business coming before us, we adjourn to meet at the call of the Clerk.

Respectfully submitted
Beatrice Lewis, Clerk for the Session

Approved 22 March 1970

Mar. 22, 1970 New Bedford Meeting on Ministry and Counsel

The meeting opened with the reading of the first query for Meetings for Ministry and Counsel, followed by a period of silence.

70-1 Ruth Martin was appointed to serve as Clerk for this year.

70-2 Minutes of the March 17, 1969 meeting, the only one held since June 1968, owing to the illness of the Clerk, Ida M. Mercer, were read and approved.

70-3 Memorials to Ida M. Mercer, who passed away on December 28, 1969, and to Alice G. Latham, who died on January 30, 1970, were presented and forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

70-4 Reports on the Spiritual Conditions of the two Half Way Fund and Metacomet meetings were read and filed with the Records of the Monthly Meeting. Each to be forwarded to Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting.

70-5 At this point it was noticed that the minutes of the meeting on Ministry and Counsel held June 22, 1968 had not previously been read. This was done and the record approved.

70-6 The Clerk stated that copies of the revised Handbook for Elders had been ordered, but that it was hoped that a study might be made of how Ministry and Counsel could better serve the meetings, separately, and as a Monthly Meeting.

No further time being available, the meeting adjourned to reconvene 21 June 1970, the Lord willing.

Ruth H. Martin, Clerk

Approved 21 June 1970

June 21, 1970

New Bedford Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held 21st June 1970 at Spring Street Meeting House.

The meeting considered a minute of Young Friends for Ministry and Counsel, endorsed by a Minute of Sandwich.

Minutes of the meeting held 26 March 1970 were read and approved.

Only one Yearbook for Allen Farm has arrived, the supply from Richard Reynolds exhausted. A new edition is in preparation. The Clerk will make additional copies of the section 'Diocesan I' as Hazel Underhill will have one. It is expected that a further meeting will be held on 26 July to discuss this section, if possible under the leadership of Andrew Brunell, Pastor of Allen York meeting.

Minutes from Clerk's Preparative Meeting, inviting the Worship in Garden Grove Meeting House held at Town Hill Square on 14 April. The salient thoughts expressed were that many meetings are opening for unity and identity; that there is need to abandon Victorian traditions; that we should practise silence in attenders and the educated younger members.

The Clerk told of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting held at Allen York on 17 April and the meeting held by Harvest Angels of Executive Meeting discussing their retreat to the Hillsborough Meeting House.

The Clerk then reported on the meeting held a day at Allen York with Richard Cooper, Dean of the Earlham School of Religion, David Mitchell, a student there, and his wife Phyllis. In addition to interested persons from throughout the Yearly Meeting Young Friends participated in a discussion of "How can Earlham School of Religion help Vocational Pastoral Ministry?" After supper conducted by Young Friends, Richard Cooper

presented a progress report, illustrated by slides, which highlighted the character and growth of the School. D. Elton Trueblood also spoke briefly.

As a result of this mission to Hendrick Quarterly Meeting, Lewis and Phyllis Mitchell attended Nottingham Meeting the following day when he spoke to the need to find where a meeting could be held in unity and then to go forward together. Luncheon was held following the meeting, and there was much expression of warmth and satisfaction with the fellowship of the day.

Ruth Mantooth presented a minute, copies of which appear in the May issue of Friends Life, that the Monthly Meeting observe a period of silent meditation in the parlor before its session of the religious business which was formerly practiced and has now been prohibited. The suggestion was referred to this date.

The adjourned session agreed to meet on July 30 at the home of the Clerk, and to observe the appointed date for Monthly Meeting.

Ruth H. Mantooth, Clerk

Approved 20 September 1970

30 July 1970

The adjourned meeting on Ministry and Counsel was held 30 July 1970 at the home of the Clerk concerning the leading of the first section of the Handbook to be given by Andrew Cornell, Pastor of Allen's Fork meeting. Owing to the illness in Fort Seybert, he was summoned to an emergency meeting of Fort Seybert with minister with the Meeting, and could not be with us.

Although attendance at the supper was small, those being 20 present from Long Run meeting and only six from Fort Seybert, those present enjoyed a time with Lewis and Priscilla Wright. Such insight has been gained concerning the Handbook service at Nottingham

June of 1967.

Several expressed satisfaction with the following and indicated that further gatherings would be welcome.

Ruth H. Mertens, Clerk

Approved 1 November 1970

1 Nov. 1970

New Bedford Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held 1 November 1970 at Spring Street Meeting House.

The meeting opened with a reading of the Query for Ministry and Counsel, followed by a few moments of meditation.

Minutes of the regular meeting held in June, and the 30 July meeting held at the home of the Clerk, were read and approved.

The Clerk welcomed Ernest Reed, Director of Beacon Hill Friends House, and Albert Bigelow, formerly of Stamford, Connecticut, Meeting, and now resident in Weare and attending Mattapoisett Meeting.

Friends were asked if they would like to continue the discussion of the Handbook for Elders. There was no expression of interest.

It was reported that the 25 October meeting at West Falmouth, organized by concerned members of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Meetings and Extensions "Extending Quaker Horizons" was attended by Albert and Sylvia Bigelow and Keith Mertens from Mattapoisett.

The Clerk presented the concern of Matteponsett Particular Meeting, discussed at the Long Plain Preparative Meeting held 17 October, as well as at the 17th of April meeting, that the ministry at Matteponsett was not of the quality desired, and that more vigorous efforts should be made to provide Friends' ministry. The Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel, along with the Meetings and Extension Committee (see page 10 of the 1990 Minutes) has named as its first duties: a) to visit local meetings; b) to arrange for occasional interchange among meetings. As a member of this joint committee, the Clerk attended an all-day meeting at Cambridge on 31 October at which time Eleanor Lovell, the Chairman, to present the Matteponsett situation. The response was beyond any expectation in that the Committee accepted responsibility for providing meeting ministers for a six months' period, during which time the meeting would continue to be a regular meeting. A number of the committee volunteered for this service, and other names were suggested. It was felt that the visitation would be extended to other Meetings in the area, releasing pastors or ministers to preach in Matteponsett, and thus widen the base of personnel and growth throughout the area. This action was contingent upon acceptance by the New Bedford Meeting on Ministry and Counsel which has supervision of the ministry in its constituent meetings. Ernest Wood said that the Yearly Meeting is interested in all meetings which have problems, and it is ready and willing to work with local meetings where they want and

ask for help.

Clifford Newman spoke to how to put the plan into effect, if one accepted, the date and manner to be determined by the Women of Matlapoisett Meeting.

In larger attendance than for some time is noted, there being 10 present including visitors.

The adjourn for preparing to meet in Matlapoisett in 12th Month.

Ruth W. Matthews, Clerk

Approved 20 December 1970

12th Mo. 20 1970

New Bedford Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, held 20th of Twelfth Month 1970 at Spring Street Meeting House

Queries were read from the report of the Meetings and Extension Committee, page 31 of the Yearly Meeting Minutes for 1970.

Minutes of the meeting held the first of Eleventh Month were read and approved.

The Clerk reported that pursuant to the action at last monthly meeting on Ministry and Counsel, on the eighth of Eleventh Month two elders from Matlapoisett spoke with Jack Wright about the plan to have occasional visiting Friends' Ministry in the new year, asking him to continue with the Meeting as it worked and deepened its understanding of and commitment to "the Testimony of Christian Faith as held by Friends." After a few days consideration, Jack informed the meeting that he was unable to support the Friends' ministry and would no longer conduct the 11 o'clock service.

Jeanette Smith, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel, presided ministry for the following Sunday, and has made arrangements for visiting Quakers until the middle of January.

Edward Booth 15th: Louis Hewitt, Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, attended the Unprogrammed Meeting and led the discussion.

" " 22nd: Elton Hinshaw, Young Friends Secretary, attended the meeting with his family and brought the message.

" " 29th: Elton and his family from Cambridge Meeting, were with us.

Twelfth Month 6th: Ezekiel and Esther Reed arrived from Beaver Falls, Penna. to serve as clerk for the Unprogrammed Meeting and led the latter service.

A letter requested us to attend the meeting on the 18th.

Today the Christmas service was planned and conducted by the Hillside Friendship Circle, a women group which meets in the Fellowship Hall and counts a number of Meeting members in its organization.

The messages from the visiting pastors have been received with enthusiasm by the attendees. With this fine talent coming to us we need to find ways to reach out to the community to share the inspiration. Friends were asked to speak to the pastors. Jeanette Smith has given creative leadership and many invitations to this evangelistic program which it is hoped will result in renewed interest in Meetinghouse and throughout the area.

It is reported that the Unprogrammed Meeting in Mattituck, now 15 months old, is strong though small, and attenders of the early meeting frequently stay for the later service.

When New Bedford Monthly Meeting brought its membership list up to date a few years ago, it was felt that our course might have been dropped to avoid, should remain on our membership. It is now evident that one of these is Marjorie Smart who has been a regular attender at Mattituck Meeting for a number of years. The Mattituck elders recommended that she be reinstated, the recommendation and the former Member accepted. The Meeting entered the recommendation and a minute to forward to the Monthly Meeting.

A short minute was read from the meeting of Nancy Van Dyke.

We adjourned to meet the 21st of Third Month, 1971, the Lord willing.

Approved, Third Month 21st 1971 Ruth Mattituck, Clerk

3rd mo 21st 1771

Friends Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel held
Third Month 21st 1771.

Queries were read which were out of the corporate Exercise felt
at the Discussion of Our England Yearly Meeting in consideration of the
extracts of the Yearly Committee and Responsibility for Yearly Meetings and
the Same."

Our Ancient Friends & Brethren Ernest Bell, Thomas Corbyn and James
of Mattapoisett have been Helpful therein and much
Strengthened for the Discharge of Arduous Duties.

Minutes of the Meeting held in Twelfth Month were read and
approved.

The Clerk read the names of Friends who have visited Mattapoisett
Meeting since Christmas.

Copies of the Handbook for Elders were distributed to all
who had not received it.

Report was made of the Weekday Quarterly Meeting
in Plainfield, and Samuel Rodman of Mattapoisett in Third Month
with Caleb Brown of Ernest Dock requested to the All Friends
Conference in N. Jersey.

The representatives were appointed to Quarterly Meeting, to be
held in Second Month at Westport.

The Clerk introduced Peter and Margaret Freed who have
been visiting Mattapoisett Meeting. Peter is being considered for
full time pastor there. He is finishing his third year at the Eastern
Baptist of Chapin; Margaret is a 1970 graduate of Earlham College.
Peter and Clerk briefly expressing the appreciation for the
fellowship they had experienced during their stay, and the
willingness to accept the pastorate.

Meeting adjourned to meet in Second Month.

Second Month 21st 1971 First Quarterly Meeting

7th Month 11th 1971

New Bedford Monthly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel, held the 11th day of Seventh Month (postponed from Sixth Month).

At the close of the Meeting for Worship Jean Bailey [illegible] Adeline Stevens was appointed Clerk for the day. Cynthia Lewis was appointed as Recording Clerk.

A letter from the Clerk was read, urging that consideration be given to setting a convenient time for holding Monthly Meetings so that it may be well regarded.

Queries from the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel, which compiled the State of Society Report for the year's Ministry, were released for use part of this minute.

The Clerk read a list of visiting ministers who served at Matteponett from Third Month 21st to Sixth Month 20th when Paul Wood led the meeting for the first time as full-time Pastor.

Paul and Maryanne Wood gave some of their impressions of the New England Yearly Meeting held at Watertown, Conn., from June 25th to 30th.

Mention was made again of the Handbook for Elders and the need for each one to consider how the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel may serve better the whole meeting.

Representatives were reappointed from Ministry and Counsel to attend Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting to be held next First Day at West Falmouth.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

From the notes of the Recording Clerk for the day,
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Approved Ninth Mo. 19th 1971

9th Dec 19, 1971

The Ministry and Council Meeting was held on the 19th of Dec 1971 morning at the Foundation of the Institute. Minutes of Ministry and Council meeting held Third Month 2nd and Seventh Month 1st were read and approved.

Ruth Masters, Clerk

Approved 12th Dec 19, 1971

12th Dec 19, 1971

The Queries for Meetings on Ministry and Council were read.

The Meeting received the application of Sylvia Bigelow of the Stamford-Greenwich Area Monthly Meeting for Membership in the Litchfield Monthly Meeting of Friends. Sylvia is a regular attender of the Wattapowett Unprogrammed Worship. This application was joyfully endorsed to the Business Meeting.

It was noted that the elders will be attending Wattapowett Particular Meeting now next Monthly to consider matters of Local interest.

Ruth Masters, Clerk

Approved 2nd Jan 8th 1972

3rd mo. 19, 1972

The meeting was opened with a reading of Queries #3 and #4 of the Queries for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The State of Society of Wattapowett Particular Meeting for 1971 was read, approved, and forwarded to the Monthly Meeting Clerk.

It was announced that Paul Wood, Pastor of Wattapowett Particular Meeting since June 1971, had decided to seek another post. He spoke of being unable to accept Friends ways and governance as avenues for his Ministry. For him and Margaret, his wife, it has been a year of wide contacts and personal growth which have confirmed the professional ministry as the way for their lives. He is hoping to receive an appointment with the Northern Indiana Methodist Conference.

Paul's contributions to the life of the Meeting were noted: Pastoral care in homes, hospitals and nursing homes; a monthly fellowship supper; a monthly newsletter, a Bible Half-Hour on First Days, and an improved attendance at the 11 am service. Friends are sorry to see them go.

Ruth N. Martocci
Temporary Clerk

6th mo. 18, 1972

The meeting opened with a quotation from Edward Burrough and meditation.

The Temporary Clerk asked that a regular Clerk be selected. No one could be persuaded to serve.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Sylvia Bigelow as elder was discussed. Friends with one exception accepted the recommendation of the elders of Wattapowett Particular Meeting that her resignation be accepted. The exception to this action existed in the Wattapowett group and it was requested that it be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting. Ruth Martocci, Temporary Clerk

9th Dec. 17, 1972

No regular Ministry and Council meeting was held this day sh

Dec. 17, 1972

There being no matters of business before us, other than "the business of our lives," a short period was devoted to fostering a feeling of fellowship, trust and sharing among members of Ministry and Council as a basis for undertaking our functions as a Meeting on Ministry and Council.

Ruth H. Bartosic

1st Mo. 10, 1974 The Bedford Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at home of Jeannette Smith. She presided as Acting Clerk, none of the others present being willing to assume the Clerkship.

A reading of Page 237 of Faith and Practice preceded the writing of a report on the state of the Meeting as requested by Frances Howland, Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. This is requested ahead of the usual annual State of Society report in order that problems and concerns of the constituent Meetings may be considered by Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel when it meets first month 20th, 1974.

There were no minutes of any recent meeting available.

The Meeting took up the matter of membership of Emma Walsh, for many years a faithful attender at Wallapaniett Meeting who requested membership some years previous. This apparently was lost. We approved asking the Monthly Meeting to accept Emma Walsh as a member of this Monthly Meeting, if possible as of a retroactive date, assuming such date can be ascertained. It is believed that she applied in 1930.

Jeannette Smith*
Acting Clerk for the Day

* who became a member of this Meeting by transfer from Providence, R. I. – accepted 3rd month, 18th, 1973.

3rd mo
Mar. 17, 1975

New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Oversee met at the home of Jeanette Smith Thirdmonth 17th, 1975. Present were Ruth Harlocker, Dorothea LeParon, Cynthia J. Power, Adeliza M. Thurber and Jeanette Smith.

Jeanette Smith again acted as Clerk, being unable to persuade another to assume the duties. We had were draftes of a spiritual condition report from Mattapoisett and from New Bedford Particular Meeting. Helen Ashley was consulted by telephone about Long Plain Meeting's situation and a paragraph about Long Plain was to be included in a composite report for the Monthly Meeting, which will be presented for approval at the next Monthly Meeting.

It was noted that some Friends Meetings in the area have combined to hold an occasional mid-week meeting for meditation and discussion. We united in recommending to Monthly Meeting that one such meeting be arranged for discussion of Friends attitudes towards those of other race or culture; this in compliance with request of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Race and Social Concerns.

May 12, 1982 Ministry & Council NB Ministry
Tom Earle
Moment of Silence - read the last meetings min.
from 3/1975.

attending were John Sinclair, Jean Blair, Ruth McLeod, Carol Smith, Ashley Stevens, Dr. Jean LeBlanc, Pat Hayes, Ellen & Tom Earle, Mary Robinson, Jennie Cynthia Power.

Tom Earle acted as clerk.

(Ruth McLeod and Jennie) stated license on Long Wharf (prop?) membership and use of the building.

Also about the water is be unusable at Long Wharf Prop - Lack of Water.

A review - what we want you to do in active meetings & help.

Close Fund raising - is one of the funds toward retreat.

Reaffirmed that we are all members of NB Ministry and attended all prop.

Discussed the Youth Committee for next Fall retreat. Sandra Quarterly Youth (+ Trudy) invited to Moncton for weekend to work on Questionnaire (for use of L.P. Meetings as listed) - Jean and Susan

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